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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, CIA RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM

SUBJECT: U-2R Cameras

This is in response to your memorandum of January 12, 1968, requesting funds for procurement of ITEK Optical Bar Panoramic Cameras for both SAC and CIA U-2R aircraft.

I am in agreement that this camera can best serve our needs for the U-2R and approve the Agency's procurement of thirteen cameras and seven AGE systems to include the necessary spares. The thirteen cameras and seven sets of AGE are to be equally divided between the Agency and SAC [redacted]

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[redacted] until a situation warrants release to either CIA or SAC, subject to my advance approval. Approval will also be required prior to the phasing out of other camera systems as a means of preserving capabilities which may relate to other National Reconnaissance programs.

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Supplemental material furnished indicated that FY 1968 IDEALIST approvals could be reduced [redacted] as a partial offset against this requirement. This will be considered in further IDEALIST adjustments.

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